

# India Reaffirms Commitment to Buddha's Teachings at UN Vesak Day-2025 in Vietnam

## Union Minister Kiren Rijiju Conveys President and PM's Greetings at UN Vesak Celebrations

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Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs & Minority Affairs, Shri Kiren Rijiju, today addressed a distinguished global gathering at the United Nations Vesak Day-2025 Celebrations held at the Vietnam Buddhist Academy in Ho Chi Minh City. On behalf of President Smt. Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Rijiju extended warm greetings to the international audience celebrating this sacred occasion.



In his address, Shri Rijiju emphasized the enduring relevance of Lord Buddha's teachings in today's world and highlighted India's ancient and continuing commitment to sustainability, peace, and human dignity. He underscored how the message of the Buddha serves as a guiding light in the face of contemporary global challenges.



The grand ceremony was graced by the presence of the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, H.E. Luong Cuong, and the President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Anura Kumara Disسانayaka, among several heads of state and spiritual leaders. Eminent Buddhist figures including the Supreme Patriarch of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, Most Venerable Thich Tri Quang, and the Chairman of the International Organizing Committee for UNDV, Most Venerable Prof. Dr. Pra Brahmapundit, were also present.



The 2025 celebrations, themed “Solidarity and Tolerance for Human Dignity; Buddhist Wisdom for World Peace and Sustainable Development,” convey a powerful message amid global uncertainties.

Sacred Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being exhibited with the support of the Ministry of Culture,

Government of India, the Mahabodhi Society of India, the National Museum of India, and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). The relics are currently on display at Thanh Tam Pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City and will travel to Tay Ninh, Hanoi, and Ha Nam until May 21, 2025.

And accompanied H.E. Luong Cuong, President of Vietnam in paying respect to the Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha, along with H.E. Nguyen Van Nen, Vietnam's Politburo Member & Party Secretary, Ho Chi Minh City, Venerable Members of Buddhist Sanghas and senior officials.

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